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### **Manitou Beach Drive Parking and Boardwalk Now Open to the Public**

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.,** (January, 2017) – The City of Bainbridge Island has completed construction of a small parking lot with four stalls, two bike racks and a boardwalk that can be used to provide a safe and accessible connection to the beach on Manitou Beach Drive.

The intent of the project was to provide community members with improved visual and physical access to a waterfront site with unique views and no-bank shoreline access. In the past, visitors to Manitou Beach would have to traverse a ditch in order to reach the public shoreline. The boardwalk makes the beach more easily accessed by all residents, including those that wish to use the beach to launch hand-carried watercraft.

The Manitou Beach Drive project came after a series of public meetings where neighbors and other stakeholders were able to present their ideas and concerns regarding the project. The property was purchased by City in 2003 using the proceeds from the community's Open Space Bonds.

For more information on the project's background visit <http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/678/Manitou-Beach-Road-Parking-Project>.



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